

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016 – 7:33 P.M.

WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL – UPPER LEVEL SELECTMEN’S CONFERENCE ROOM

(Due to presidential election activity, meeting was moved to upstairs location. Sign was posted on lower level conference room B with updated location.)

MINUTES

Present: Chair Mark Parker, Diane Wolff, Marla Butts, Wayne (Woody) Durst, Carl Knittel, Tina Lajoie (IWWA Clerk), Terry Bellman, (Agent)

Absent: Patty Lacasse

I. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Parker at 7:33 p.m.

II. Roll Call – Woody Durst, Diane Wolff, Carl Knittel, Mark Parker, Marla Butts

III. Appointment of Alternates – None

IV. Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting – October 3, 2016

M. Butts requests a correction under “New Business” where it states, “Motion to accept for consideration 10-16-14”, add the following: “by M. Butts”. No other corrections noted. Mark Parker asks that minutes be corrected and approved as stated.

V. Old Business

1. 10-16-14 Mike O’Shaughnessy, 45 Crooked Trail – Retaining wall

Application was received for consideration at October meeting. Mr. O’Shaughnessy is not present. Additional information had been requested: North arrow and to label waterbody as Witches Woods. Plan in file is reviewed and the information was provided for the file. No additional pending items.

MOTION BY M. BUTTS TO APPROVE 10-16-14, SECONDED BY W. DURST. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. New Business

1. 10-16-18 Larry Acquarulo, 32 Lake View Drive – clean-up of shoreline area, removal of material.

Mr. Acquarulo is present to answer questions. Short IWWA form was used as wetlands agent thought the work fell into his limits of authority. However after review, it was determined that Agency would need to authorize said approval. Questions from IWWA re: location of material that is being removed on shoreline, now that lake is being lowered. He explains that there are decades of leaves and pine needles that have collected on the shoreline. D. Wolff confirms that it is visible on Google Earth. He further states that it goes down 1 - 2 ft in depth and would need to be scraped out, an estimation of about 40 ft across by 2 ft by 1 ft depth of mostly organic matter. Pictures were taken before the water was lowered. He would like to have his contractor use a small skid-steer. Geotextile filter fabric to be used and T. Bellman to inspect. Discussion on whether this could be considered under “maintenance and enjoyment of residential home” based on the fact that a small amount of material is being moved. Less than 3 cubic yards is not considered a significant amount. Project may take a month, starting in November and completion by end of year. **MOTION BY M. BUTTS TO ALLOW APPLICATION #10-16-18 BE CONVERTED TO A REQUEST FOR “USE PERMITTED AS OF RIGHT” AS MAINTENANCE AND ENJOYMENT OF RESIDENTIAL HOME UNDER SECTION 4-1C OF**

THE IWWA REGULATIONS, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE APPLICANT WILL USE A SOIL SEPARATION GEO-TEXTILE BEHIND THE STONES USED TO STABILIZE THE SHORELINE AND THAT T. BELLMAN WILL MONITOR THE GEO-TEXTILE FILTER FABRIC INSTALLATION. SECONDED BY C. KNITTEL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY M. BUTTS TO AUTHORIZE THE REIMBURSEMENT TO LARRY ACQUARULO FOR THE PERMIT FEE OF \$95 FOR PERMIT # 10-16-18. (Applicant asks to give the refund back to the town for charity. It is recommended that he do so by receiving the refund in one transaction, and then donating the check in a second transaction.) SECONDED BY D. WOLFF. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Taylor Brooke Winery, LLC, 848 Rte 171 – Request for Timber Harvest, Use permitted as of right.

No representative from Hull Forest or Taylor Brook available. T. Bellman spoke with the Auger's and it was explained that they are purchasing the abutting 12-acre parcel east of their property which they intend on expanding their agricultural use by growing 5 acres of potatoes to make Vodka, and hops for their beer. They intend on adding additional buildings, as well, in the future for their micro-brewery.

MOTION BY M. BUTTS TO APPROVE REQUEST BY TAYLOR BROOK WINERY, LLC TO EXPAND AGRICULTURAL CROPLAND ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS MAP 5783, BLOCK 47, LOT 02-A, OFF OF RTE 171, AS "A USE PERMITTED AS OF RIGHT". SECONDED BY D. WOLFF. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. WETLANDS AGENT ACTIVITY REPORT

The following is reported by T. Bellman, Wetland's Agent, for October and November:

- Sign-off on 96 Indian Spring Rd – Rachel Kulich. New deck with new pier holes in the upland review.
- Sign-off on 171 Laurel Hill Dr – Tom Clancey. Building a patio in the upland review area. No wetlands impact.
- Sign-off on 116 Beaver Dam – Paul Badeau. Replacing a wall on the shoreline. Was not working in the wetlands.
- Sign-off on 123 Crooked Trail Ext – Eileen Wolff.
- Sign-off on 246 Pond Factory Rd – Daniel Berk. Addition in the upland review.
- Update on town highway project, completion of work at Bungay Hill Rd. Photographs are shown. Grout will need to be installed in springtime due to colder temps.
- Agency asks Terry about the new drainage project off of Shore Drive, Quasset Lake District. Terry will follow-up on the work. No inspections have been requested.
- Agency asks about Woodstock Farms and the dam in the brook. Terry took photos. He believes this issue needs to be addressed by DEEP because it is all in the river channel and is a diversion. M. Butts explained that location is a designated floodplain and should be addressed by the town. The plastic in the brook does not go all the way across, per Bellman. M. Butts asked if J. Navarro can go take a look and see if there is any problem with water backing up through the bridge, which Bellman states he did not notice when he visited the area. T. Bellman reports a clear-faded plastic and states he will talk to the property owner about altering the floodplain. There is a discussion on risk of flooding in this Roseland Park location and other areas. M. Parker asks if the town gives permission when residents use town culverts for their irrigation systems. Navarro will be notified.

VIII. Citizen's comments / other topics

a. Legal notice – Stonebridge Press - \$58.80 – approved by IWWA

b. Information from Rick Hermonot re: Regulation review

Discussion on the 50% set aside for open space devaluing our farmland. Maintaining our farmland in an undeveloped fashion is very important. Discussion on selling developments right to state and the benefits of doing so. Wetlands Agency will work on a review and comment for PZC subdivision review. A possible suggestion might be to encourage open space areas be given a priority for 300 foot on either side of a watercourse to encourage preservation of wildlife corridors and riparian corridors, greenways which is under IWWA purview. Lajoie encourages IWWA members to attend a PZC subcommittee meeting to relay their input. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that at the next meeting, members should write down their recommendations relating to wetlands and watercourses protection for the PZC regulation review. What section of the subdivision regulations involves IWWA? Lajoie will have this for the next meeting and will be an agenda item for December.

M. Butts attended the workshop by the Conservation Commission re: Aquifer surface drinking water source protection meeting and gives an overview.

c. Minutes from WCC on discussion on open space subdivision regs.

d. Notification of submittal of application to DEEP, rte 169 over Gravelly Brook. Box culvert to be installed over Gravelly Brook. Following new MS-4 regulations. M. Butts has questions on Sheet #8 regarding road closure and traffic detour. Could be a problem shutting down major route with emergency vehicles. She recommends alternating traffic. Discussion on time frame of project and design frequency.

e. Letter dated 10/19 from FEMA re: Risk MAP planning discovery meeting. November 9th meeting in Mansfield.

f. Notification from Town of Eastford re: 36 Camp Yankee Rd – wetland's application. No comments to report to Town of Eastford.

g. CACIWC membership was paid with WCC, as requested. M. Butts is signed up for annual conference.

h. Review of photographs from Bungay Hill Rd drainage project – discussed during wetlands report.

i. Schedule of meeting dates for January 2017 to January 2018. Correction to 2017 schedule: Change January 2nd to January 9th.

IX. Adjournment

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY D. WOLFF, SECONDED BY C. KNITTEL AT 09:26 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Lajoie, IWWA Clerk

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency